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SUBJ: CIRCULATION OF LEBANESE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO SC

PRESIDENT

REF: BEIRUT 6050 (NOTAL)

1. A NEW LETTER FROM AMB GHORRA (LEBANON), PARA 3 BELOW, REQUESTING HIS EARLIER LETTER (USUN 2724) BE WITHHELD WAS DELIVERED TO SC PRESIDENT VINCI (ITALY) LATE ON FRIDAY, JULY 9. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN MISOFF GHORRA WROTE THIS LETTER AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT VINCI WHEN LATTER URGED GHORRA TO PRODUCE SUCH A LETTER. ITALIAN MISOFF TOLD US FURTHER THAT WITH THIS LAST LETTER FROM AMB GHORRA, MATTER WAS NOW "TENTATIVELY CLOSED." WE TOOK THIS OCCASION TO REITERATE US VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S UPHOLDING THE RIGHT TO MEMBER STATES TO HAVE DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED WITHOUT CHALLENGE. ITALIAN MISOFF SAID NEW LETTER HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS YET ONLY TO WEO'S ON SC.

2. FORMER LEBANESE MISOFF MAHMASSANI IN SEPARATE

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CONVERSATION TOLD MISOFF THAT AMB GHORRA HAS ACTED

GALLANTLY IN REQUESTING THE WITHHOLDING OF HIS INITIAL LETTER. MAHMASSANI ADDED THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WAS IN AGREEMENT ON THIS MOVE.

3. QTE: MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO MY LETTER NO.317/1B-3/139 OF JUNE 30, 1976. DURING OUR MEETING THIS MORNING, YOU INFORMED ME THAT, YOU HAVE CONDUCTED INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS ON JULY 7 WITH MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THAT LETTER AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. I TAKE NOTE THAT AS A RESULT OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, MY RIGHT AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON TO REQUEST ITS DISTRIBUTION IS AFFIRMED.

ACCORDINGLY I RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF LEBANON REQUESTING YOU TO KINDLY WITHHOLD THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTER AND RESERVING ITS RIGHT TO CIRCULATE AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ANY DOCUMENT IT DEEMS FIT SHOULD THE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT IT.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

EDOUARD GHORRA
AMB ASSADOR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE UNQTE.
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